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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR 1, MAY 18, 1973

FOL SENT ACTION SAIGON ON MAY 18 AND RPT FOR YOUR INFO QTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L DANANG 0549

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CEASEFIRE AND POLITICAL SITREP MR I, X PLUS 110,
MAY 18, 1973

1. SECURITY SITUATION:

FOURTEEN CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, INCLUDING ONE GROUND ATTACK, 11 ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF) TOTALING AN UNUSUALLY HIGH 782 MORTAR ROUNDS, AND TWO HARRASSMENTS. FIRST DIVISION AO WAS THE SCENE OF THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE ACTIVITY, INCLUDING THE GROUND ATTACK AND 6 ABFS WITH ALMOST ALL OF THE ENEMY MORTAR FIRE (745 ROUNDS). IN A MAJOR INCIDENT, AND ABF TOTALING 400 ROUNDS WAS AIMED AGAINST THE 1 ST BATTALION, 51 ST REGIMENT WEST OF CO BI (YD602248), BEGINNING AT 1700 HOURS MAY 17; FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 7 WIA. A SECOND MAJOR INCIDENT OCCURRED SOUTHWEST OF KIM

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QUY (YD633030); BEGINNING AT 1330 HOURS SAME DATE 1 ST BATTALION,
1 ST REGIMENT RECEIVED 210 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE AND 1 GROUND
ATTACK SUF-
FERING 3 KIA, 3 MIA AND 4 WIA. REGION- WIDE CASUALTIES
WERE: FRIENDLY 8 KIA, 3 MIA, 29 WIA; ENEMY 2 KIA, 1 CAPTURED.
FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 988 ROUNDS, 340 ROQ DS NORTH OF THE HAI
VAN PASS, 648 SOUTH.

2. POW RELEASE

I CORP MORNING BRIEFING REPORTED THAT 4 GVN RELEASED BY PRG WERE
PICKED UP BY RF IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE MAY 17. CANDEL ICCS
REGION II HAD BEEN INFORMED BY SAIGON THAT THERE MIGHT BE UNSUPER-
VISED RELEASES IN THE REGION ON THAT DATE.
THOMSEN UNQUOTE
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